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SUBJECT: BOURGUIBA OUTLINES TERMS FOR MEETING WITH ABBA EBEN

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1. TUNISIAN OFFICIAL PRESS IS FILLED JUNE 1 (TUNISIA' S NATIONAL

DASOL WITH BOURGUIBA' S PRONOUNCEMENTS TO FRENCH AND ITALIAN PRESS
REGARDING MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING SPECIAL INTERVIEW ACCORDED
TO PARIS LE FIGARO (SERGE BROMBERGER) OUTLINING TERMS FOR BOURGUIBA
MEETING WITH ABBA EBEN. BOURGUIBA' S " FIRST PRICE" IS ACCEPTANCE BY
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ISRAEL OF TERMS 1974 UN PARTITION PLAN FOR PALESTINE
AND RECOGNITION BY ISRAEL OF PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO HOMELAND.
BOURGUIBA CLAIMS HE SPEAKS ONLY FOR HIMSELF, NOT ON BEHALF OTHER
JNAB LEADERS OR PALESTINIANS.

2. BROMBERGER ASKED BOURGUIBA WHAT LATTER THOUGHT OF PROPOSAL
THAT HE MEET WITH ABBA EBEN OR GOLDA MEIR. BOURGUIBA RESPONDED:
QUOTE ... SUCH A MEETING CAN LEAD TO POSITIVE RESULTS ONLY IF
INTERLOCUTORSHAVE AGREED IN ADVANCE ON PLATFORM FROM WHICH THEY
CAN USEFULLY DISCUSS. THIS PLATFORM CONTAINS TWO ESSENTIAL
ELEMENTS: (A) TO CONSIDER PALESTINIANS NOT AS HANDFUL OF REFUGEES
BUT AS PEOPLE HAVING NATURAL AND LEGITIMATE RIGHTS ON THE LAND OF
PALESTINE; (B) IN CONSEQUENCE, TO ACCEPT TERMS OF RESOLUTION VOTED
BY UN IN 1974 ON DIVISION OF PALESTINE ACCORDING TO LINES
ESTABLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ITSELF. UNQUOTE

3. IN THIS AND OTHER STATEMENTS QUOTED IN PRESS SAME DAY, BOURGUIBA
INSISTS THAT THIS IS PERSONAL VIEW, AND THAT HE DOES
NOT SPEAK IN NAME OTHER ARABS. HE MAINTAINS, AS HE HAS IN PAST,
THAT ARABS NOW DISPOSED ACCEPT PRESENCE OF STATE OF ISRAEL ON
THIS BASIS AND THAT PEACE AND COOPERATION POSSIBLE. IN BROMBERGER
INTERVIEW, HE STATES THAT PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO DISCUSS WITH
ISRAELIS (HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY PRESIDENT SENGHOR) WERE
BLOCKED BY ABBA EBEN' S REFUSAL TO MAKE DECLARATION OF
" NON- ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES CONQUERED IN 1967", AND CONCLUDED:
QUOTE IF M. ABBA EBEN STILL HOLDS SAME POSITION, I SEE NO
USE IN MEETING WITH HIM. WE ARE AWAITING FOR HIM TO EXPLAIN
HIMSELF. UNQUOTE.
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